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Hans-Peter Wild et al.

Art Unit: 3721

Application No.: 10/085,282

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For: DRINKING STRAW ATTACHMENT
DEVICE AND METHOD

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

This is filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, and further to our Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and specifically regarding the Chilean CL 1317-94 (Smith) reference, which is understood to be part of the same patent family as the references previously disclosed to the Patent and Trademark Office in the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

In an ongoing attempt to obtain a copy and English language summary of CL 1317-94, the undersigned has been informed, from his instructing German associate, that his Chilean colleague advises (and see enclosed copies from that Chilean associate's files):

Dear Mr. Schuster:

We acknowledge receipt and thank you for your letter dated April 26, 2005. In connection with it, we can inform you the following:

The Application No. 1317-94 was a case prosecuted by our firm but, as it has been abandoned, we no longer have a copy of the file.

For this reason we asked the Chilean Patent Office (CLPTO) to obtain a copy for us. Unfortunately all the abandoned cases from years ago are taken to big warehouses in the outskirts of Santiago and this has made difficult to obtain a copy of this case.

The original file has not yet been found but a few days ago a copy was found of the papers that were filed together with the original. However, these pages are only the application sheet or Filing Receipt, the first page of the application and the drawings.

We are sending with this transmission and by registered mail, with the confirm of this letter, the pages that were found.

We will keep insisting with the CLPTO so that they find the complete file in their warehouses. We will keep you informed of any news arising in this case. Until then, we remain,

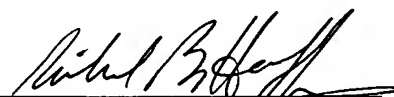
Yours sincerely,

Since CL 1317-94 (Smith) is part of the family of Smith references previously disclosed with the Applicants' Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, and Applicants have now filed what reasonably can be located (at present) regarding CL 1317-94 (Smith), it is respectfully submitted, and believed that Applicants have met their duty of disclosure in the present application. (If a copy of that Chilean reference is ultimately obtained, Applicants will endeavor to have it filed with the Office, to be placed in the file.)

No fee is considered due, since the above information is just confirmation of previously-disclosed information regarding CL 1317-94 (Smith), but should any additional fees be necessary, or should any credit be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to charge that required fee or credit Deposit Account No. 13-2855 accordingly. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: May 23, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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